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DV Thunder

It was a tough weekend for the Drayton Valley squad on the ice.

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Fire interrupts water service

Blaze breaks out at Rocky Rapids Water Treatment Plant, disrupts municipal service to hamlet

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READY, AIM, FIRE!



Lesley Allan Western Review

Snow removal crews for the Town of Drayton Valley, as well as Braxato County, must be breathing a sigh of relief as warm temperatures and a lack of white stuff falling from the sky allowed them to play catch up last week throughout the area. Combined with the co-operation of some, but not all, residents who followed no parking signs crews in town were able to scrape down to the road itself, something that hasn't been seen in some time as snow turned every day driving into a challenge on local roads.

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Plebiscites no longer a county requirement

► Brazeau County council passes motion to rescind resolution requiring plebiscites

Lesley Allan
Western Review

During a special meeting held on Jan. 14, Brazeau County council voted 3-3 to rescind Resolution 1-11-13, removing the requirement to hold a plebiscite prior to capital making decisions on capital projects costing more than \$1,000,000.

Despite the fact that some might view this as a step back

towards councillors who voted in favour of the motion, and administration, it is a positive thing and will not impact the ability of ratepayers to show support for or against large projects.

Typically a plebiscite will follow the same process, under the MGA (Municipal Government Act), and run like an election under the Local Authorities Election Act, explains Brazeau County CAO Marco Schoeninger. "As a result, what council felt would be more prudent was to save the \$20,000 to \$25,000 and if they do decide to go on projects have that information available through public forums and public consultation, whether that be through divisional meetings or elsewhere."

"They felt that would be a better manner of spending their money and would be better to draw in people to get feedback as to whether or not they are in support of a project or not."

Choosing that notion, Brazeau County Reeve Pat Vos says at first she considered the expenditure triggering a plebiscite needed to be set higher, around \$50,000, but the more she looked at the issue and what it meant the more she saw the benefit of not having one at all. "The cost of doing a single plebiscite is in excess of \$25,000, money which could be invested in any of the five facilities that were presented at the Community Investment Night," she shares. "The ECDC is being built. The Berton Community Centre fundraising group is full swing and that facility will get built."

"The pool and the multiplex require energy, time and significant stakeholder engagement and more discussion," continues Vos. "When all the pieces of building a facility, including the financing for the capital

expenditure are in place (and) how the ongoing operational costs will be covered, (that) will determine when those facilities get built."

Finances aside, Schoeninger also states public consultations allow ratepayers to access more information about projects in comparison to an election style plebiscite which simply requires a yes or no response. "At the divisional meeting (or consultation) you would probably get more (information) because the election is basically just checking a box if you're in favour or not, whereas at a divisional meeting there's a true engagement and interaction between the ratepayers and councillors," he states, stressing that the council will treat any large project the same way they do with any other major change being contemplated.

"No different than a Land Use Bylaw change or things of this nature, when you're doing something dramatic in a community the best is to go to the people," he shares. "Have open forums and more than one, several, make them aware of what

is being proposed, what the impact on residents could be not only from a financial perspective, if any, but also what it could mean if there's increased traffic in a particular area, or if it would negate somebody's home development."

With divisional meetings set to start Mar. 6, council will be looking for feedback on several community projects that would have previously fallen under the plebiscite requirement. Leading up to the annual meetings, if any other projects are brought to the attention of council they too would be included. Any thing after that would require its own consultation.

"Council is very proactive to making sure they do their homework and then bring the delivery of the proposal to the people first before they make any decision or action it," states Schoeninger. The last plebiscite held by Brazeau County took place in 2004 regarding a proposed indoor multi-purpose field house with only 14.2 per cent of an estimated 5,265 eligible voters participating.

Need to get something off your chest?

E-mail letters to the editor to courtney.whalen@sunmedia.ca

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Fire Services briefs

CREWS CALLED TO CHIMNEY FIRE

Fire crews were able to quickly extinguish a chimney fire that responded to on Jan. 11. Firefighters were dispatched to reports of a fire at a residence on Range Road 73 in the early evening hours.

Fire Chief Tom Thomson said once on scene crews were able to extinguish the fire, which was contained to the chimney area.

Although they were a serious concern several years ago, the department has seen a reduction in the number of chimney fires in recent years due to the popularity of its annual Mary Poppins chimney cleaning program run each October.

The chimney fire was one of six calls for service between Jan. 8-15.

Among the other calls was an alarm call at a local hotel on

Jan. 8. When firefighters arrived they found the alarm had been activated by a guest burning something in the microwave.

The following morning at 2 a.m. the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services responded to a fire alarm at a local fitness facility. The alarm turned out to be false.

On Jan. 2, firefighters responded to a building collapse. Thomson said the fire department was called to the detached garage because it was thought someone might be trapped inside. No one was trapped.

On Jan. 15 around 5 a.m. fire crews responded to a fire at the Rocky Rapids Water Treatment Plant in Rocky Rapids. Crews were able to contain the damage to some of the electrical equipment in the plant. The fire is believed to have started at an electrical outlet. The fire disrupted water service to the Hamlet of Rocky Rapids on Jan. 15. For more on this story go to

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news

Fire knocks out water service

Rocky Rapids Treatment Plant sustains damage in fire

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Rocky Rapids residents on municipal water found themselves coming up dry on Jan. 15 after a fire at the hamlet's water treatment plant interrupted service for the day.

The Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services were dispatched to the Rocky Rapids Water Treatment Plant around 5 a.m. that morning. Once on scene the found and contained a fire in the facility.

John Evasiuk, director of public works for Brazeau County, said the fire damaged electrical systems and equipment that keeps the plant running. The need to repair or replace that equipment meant residents were without service for the day. Bottled water was

made available to affected residents. The fire, which started in the plant's electrical room, was quickly extinguished by firefighters. A fire-powered pump provided sporadic service throughout the day.

By Jan. 16, water service was fully restored to residents, even as the county continued to work on repairs.

The guys are running the plant manually," said Evasiuk last Thursday. "No they're going out there and manually flipping switches."

That lessened as the automatic systems were slowly brought back online. In the early morning hours of Jan. 15 an alarm about a pump not starting came in to an on-call employee. With two other pumps to run the plant it wasn't considered an immediate concern. However, when a call came in from a resident that no water was flowing, the employee went to investigate. When they arrived at the plant smoke was seen seeping out around the door and the fire department was called.

The cause of the blaze is believed to be electrical. Evasiuk said at the time both heaters in the plant had gone down and a construction heater was being used to keep the building warm. It appears the fire originated from that outlet, he said.

Despite the interruption to service last week there is no concern over the integrity of the plant facility once the electrical elements were fixed.

"Mostly electrical damage and a section of wall that sustained fire damage," said Evasiuk. With construction of a new water treatment plant planned for the hamlet, Evasiuk said last week's fire helped identify some areas that can be addressed when building a new facility. Other than a few people from outside the hamlet trying to take advantage of the bottled water made available, Evasiuk said getting the information out to residents and providing them with drinking water went fairly well.

RCMP briefs

Western Review Staff

THIEVES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UNLOCKED DOORS
Opportunistic thieves have used unlocked doors to gain entry to homes in two separate incidents recently.

On Jan. 9, police were called about a break in to a residence in the area of 45 St. and 44 Ave. Pre-scription medication was reported stolen in the incident and reports indicated that the door to the residence was unlocked at the time of the theft.

In a separate incident reported to police on Jan. 14 a black laptop was stolen after a home was entered. At the time the home was unlocked.

On Jan. 10, police were

investigating another break and enter, this one to a Penn West field office west of Drayton Valley. A printer worth approximately \$600 was stolen.

LIGHT BARS TAKEN
In a continuing trend in the area RCMP had reports of light bars being stolen on Jan. 9. A 10 inch bar was stolen from a vehicle at 51 Ave and 53 St. and a 21 inch light bar was stolen from the area of 49 Ave. and 47 St.

Light bars weren't the only things on thieves' list.

On Jan. 12, police received a report that a chemical tank valued at around \$300 was stolen from an off-highway site.

Also on Jan. 12, police were looking into the theft

of a flare gun and pelican cases that were stolen from an off-highway site near Cynthis.

The previous day, on Jan. 11, police had several reports of thefts of vehicles in Pleasantview Trailer Court. A number of vehicles were rifled through and cash and wallets were reported stolen.

VEHICLE RECOVERED IN MAYERTHORPE
A 2006 Ford F350 that was stolen from a local motel on Jan. 10 was later recovered by police in the Mayerthorpe area.

A 1994 Dodge pickup that was stolen from a different hotel in Drayton Valley on Jan. 14 had not been recovered last week.

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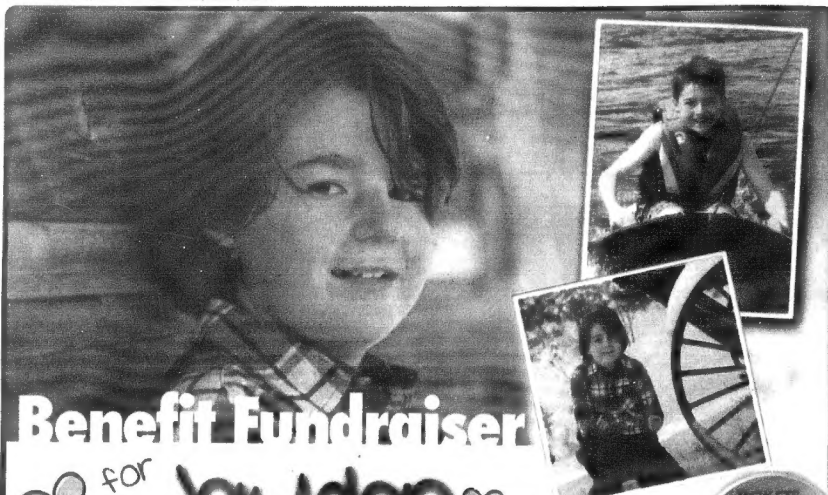
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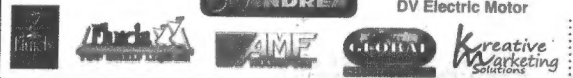
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This Family NEEDS our help!

news

Charity auction sees change for 38th edition

Beehive Charity Auction comes to town one month early and in new venue

Lesley Allen
Western Review

Change is in the air for one of Drayton Valley's longest running fundraisers as staff, volunteers, and clients prepare for the 38th annual Beehive Charity Auction.

Started in 1976 by Norma Howett, the auction has been a well-attended staple in the community and has been aiding the Beehive Support Services Association (BSSA) with the many costs they incur while helping those in Drayton Valley and area who have developmental disabilities, as well as their families.

"That money is a resource for the programs, and even covering costs of our vehicles that we use to transport the clients," shares Paula Newberry, fund development co-ordinator. "It goes a long way, it really makes a huge difference."

With every auction being a success in the eyes of those who run it, last year's event was especially so with BSSA collecting \$37,583.50 after expenses. However the 2013 event also meant the end of an era for the charity as Sekura Auction Mart has since closed its auction facility in Drayton Valley meaning BSSA could no longer use the facility their event called home for at least 30 years.

Despite this closure "it didn't mean the end of the collaboration between the auction mart and BSSA."

"That's one of the successes from last year," explains Laurie Andrews, BSSA human resources co-ordinator. "Even though the rumour was out there that they were not going to do the auctions anymore, [Corey Sekura] took Camille aside and reassured her that they would always do the auction for us. So that was huge."

Not only helping out with the auction, Sekura's knowledge of the community also helped them find a location for this year's event.

"I was talking to Corey and he suggested the Life Church because of the layout and everything inside," says Newberry. "He said that would be perfect, there would be enough room because you could fit a lot of people in there and a lot of items."

With a new location in mind, a new date for the annual event followed as organizers re-examined not only their own calendars but the community's as well.

"There are so many other things going on in March it just felt that perhaps we should move our venue up and be one month earlier just so that we weren't competing with so many different things," shares Andrews. "When we looked at the whole quarter, February seemed like a good idea."

Set to take place Feb. 8, with doors opening at 11 a.m. and the auction beginning at 1 p.m., BSSA is hitting the streets promoting the event and even visiting local businesses to personally invite all members of the community.

Highly involved in helping prepare for the auction, clients of BSSA benefit from all aspects of the event not only because of the programming it supports, but how it gets them out in the community socializing.

"My big thing is going back to that inclusion of persons with disabilities," says Newberry. "This brings [our clients] in and allows that chance to really make contact with other people outside of us, which is so important and they love to do that, they absolutely love to."

This focus on inclusion is what BSSA has worked on throughout the years and their success in this goal can be seen in how people embrace the organization.

"The individuals know a lot of people, they work in a number of different job sites around town and their employers have gotten to know them and love them," shares Newberry. "Its very much more inclusive than it ever was."

was really busy and really hectic," explains Andrews. "I would predict that it's going to be the same way this year."

The 38th annual Beehive Charity Auction will be taking place Feb. 8 at the Life Church, located at 5115 56 Ave. Drayton Valley Alberta, and will feature the main

live auction as well as a silent auction, bar, buffet, and specialty coffee bar hosted by Life Church.

For more information on the event, or how to donate an item, call BSSA at (780) 542-3113 and speak with Andrews or Newberry.

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our editorial Eliminating plebiscite makes sense if public input is goal

At a special meeting last week, Brazeau County Councilors narrowly voted to eliminate the need for a county-wide plebiscite on capital recreation projects valued at more than \$1 million.

The requirement said a plebiscite would be held prior to the county contributing funding of \$1 million or more to new recreation facilities. It was rescinded last week by a vote of 4-3.

Initially the intention of the plebiscite was to have a check in place to theoretically ensure the county wasn't committing substantial funds to projects that didn't have the support of the majority of its citizens. Since it was approved by council the requirement has not been triggered.

While those who voted in support of bringing in the requirement in the first place may see this as a step backward, it doesn't have to be.

While plebiscites may be one way to get a snapshot of what people who take part feel, they aren't necessarily the best way to judge overall support or opposition for projects. By their nature plebiscites allow those who take part only to answer a specific question regarding the issue at hand. That may either discourage people from tak-

ing part altogether, or make them feel pressured to answer firmly one way or the other, when what they may need is more information and answers to questions.

Some people may or may not support a project — especially recreation projects, which can be polarizing — depending on any number of factors that can't be laid out in a plebiscite question.

In fact, if Brazeau County follows through with its stated intention of engaging the public through community forums regarding potential projects, it will be more beneficial. That kind of forum allows more back and forth discussion and sharing of accurate information. It also saves the cost of a plebiscite.

The results of a plebiscite were never binding, but only to provide feedback to inform a council decision. Its elimination won't eliminate the opportunity for that and may, in fact, enhance it.

A municipality should never commit to a major capital project of any kind without trying to gauge the support or opposition for projects. By their nature plebiscites allow those who take part only to answer a specific question regarding the issue at hand. That may either discourage people from tak-

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There and Back
Courtney Whalen

I last week, as with many of those that had come before me, I'm sure many of you will follow, I found myself confused.

The root of this particular confusion came in the form of an e-mail from the online store of a book/entertainment chain whose bottom line I support fairly frequently both online and in-store. The e-mail, while worded very pleasantly informed me that my request to cancel an order had been denied.

But perhaps I've brought you in too far along the event timeline. In order to fully understand my befuddlement I should start at the beginning — Rodgers and Hammerstein would have me believe it's a very good place to start.

As any of you out there with superior choice in television viewing will know, Sherlock starred in his first season on Jan. 1. Those of us in North America who can't figure out how to circumvent online viewing restrictions had to wait an additional three weeks for BBC's Sherlock's debut return as the dullest deductive. Well, they may be able to stop me from watching until it fits their timetable, but there was NO way I was going to wait for the chance to rewatch each episode and get the inside scoop with the bonus features.

compare, I have found in the past that blu-rays often have a better bonus feature selection. I had with this new information I did the only thing any reasonable person could do — I purchased that one as well.

While I will be the first one to admit to my Sherlock-loving ways, even I knew that I don't need two sets of series three on my shelf so the next day I went back to the book reader website to cancel my order. Within 24 hours I got word that the secondary item had been successfully cancelled. No word on Sherlock until last week with this e-mail informing they were unable to cancel my pre-order and it will ship next month as planned.

How can you not be able to cancel something that wasn't even released until next month? How is there no way to go into my order and simply erase it from memory? Do you see the rest of my confusion?

I'm now in a position where I have to wait for the package to arrive, then go through a returns process that seems far more laborious than the one I had when I first ordered it. I was not only told I couldn't cancel my pre-order but I also discovered they had a pre-order that was going to be released a few days earlier, but it also came in blu-ray as opposed to the DVD version I had just purchased. While I couldn't find any details to

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That's not Canadian eh!



Lesley's Lessons
Lesley Allan

I know Christmas is over, which is probably good given it comes to this part of mine, but this is my first column of 2014 so you have to excuse me as I kick off the New Year with a rant related to the holiday.

Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas, especially this year as I got to spend it all with my parents, something I haven't been able to do in probably four or five years. But, one aspect of Christmas I loath is how people become ignorant to the fact that Canada, and Christmas, is ever changing.

Can someone please tell me what the definition of a Canadian is?

To me a Canadian is someone born in Canada, or someone who chooses to make Canada their permanent home and become a citizen. That's it. There's no cultural, religious or traditional association as far as I'm concerned. After all we as a country want to represent the world, however, we seem to want it done in a minimalist, subdued, and subjective manner.

So I ask again, what is Canadian? If someone can give me a simplistic, poignant, yet inclusive answer I'd love to hear it.

While I was on holidays in December I read about how the Edmonton Police Services took a proactive approach to inclusion by introducing a police issued hijab headscarf for female officers who are Muslim.

The decision was made not at the request of an officer, but, as I stated before, done as a proactive measure for the future.

I applaud them for this decision, as it was a simple addition to the uniform that shows respect to a culture that is part of the nation, but does not impact the ability of the individual who will one day wear it. Other ignorant souls on the other hand were outraged by the move and as I read through the comments, overwriting with subtle racism, the same ideal kept being repeated. They're trying to change Canada.

So easily we forget that this country was built through the cultural sacrifice of those we now consider "unCanadian".

As much as some people hate to remember Canada was made what it is today through the domination, suppression, and enslavement of many people of other cultures.

It's also important not to forget that those who established this country are in fact immi-

grants themselves, and not all were even from the same culture.

Now, getting back to Christmas, probably the peak of cultural ignorance for some in this country. After all, let's not forget that there was once a time when Christmas was a religious occasion and not a materialistic free for all.

In fact, Christmas comes from the Old English Crætes mæsse, meaning "Christ's mass", while the French Noël derives from the Latin Dies Natalis, "Day of Birth".

Now... I'm not a religious person, but I'm pretty sure Jesus wouldn't want people celebrating his birth by trampling each other and getting into fist fights over a doll.

But, even when you look at Christmas in that light there is room for debate. After all there is no proof that Jesus was born on the Dec. 25 date, and there were celebrations around this date that existed long before Christ, such as the Winter Solstice and the Roman solar feast of Natalis Invicti.

So, as a country that stems from the cultural beliefs of other countries, was created through the domination and suppression of other cultures, and continued adaptation of aspects of other cultures we find convenient or enjoyable, do we really have right to complain that immigrants are trying to "change" Canada?

In my opinion, we do not.

Around the water cooler...

The beautiful weather we saw over the weekend almost has us forgetting how much we were cursing winter just a few days before.

Now, with the weather out of the way we've got a birthday to start off with this week.

We want to send our big, icing topped wishes to one of our favourites, Marcella McDermott. She celebrates on Jan. 23 and we hope that her family spoils her the way she deserves. Happy day, lady!

There's also going on in the area in the upcoming weeks and you'll find information about some of them in the pages of this week's paper, including the Drayton Valley Flying Club's open house coming up this Saturday at the Drayton Valley Municipal Airport. The open house runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and

it's a chance to get some information about the upcoming flying school and meet some of our local aviators.

Monday, January 27 local organizations that excel at offering family programming will once again be putting on the family day to celebrate Family Literacy Day. Families with little

ones up to age five can head down to the MacKenzie Conference Centre from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for lots of activities. The C.O.W. Bus will also be visiting. It's always a great time for all involved.

see WATER COOLER on pg. 10

CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the court brief ILLEGAL IMPORTING METS ONE YEAR BAN, FINE written by Paul Brian that appeared in the Dec. 24, 2013 court brief on pg. 11.

Incorrect details surrounding the ticket issued to Ryan Vellicks by Fish and Wildlife officers were stated in the article. Vellicks pleaded guilty to having a

loaded firearm and possession of wildlife or exotic animal on Dec. 17, 2013.

Accompanying details in the article about the number of deer in the vehicle, details alleging improper tagging and the date the ticket was issued were wrong.

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Take pride in the journey to achieve resolutions

Here we are, three weeks into the New Year. Many of you have made New Year's resolutions and many of you, if you are like me, are already struggling to keep things going. Thoughts of taking a day off here or there or quitting all together are running through your head. Quitting is definitely easy and most people that make resolutions end up not following through to the end.

Resolutions are usually things that are difficult, maybe quitting smoking, exercising more, eating healthier, working less, that's why we resolve to achieve them every year. If they were easy we would just do them. Whatever your resolution, it is going to impact your well-being in a positive way, so seeing it through to the end is beneficial even if it's too hard.

Any resolution you could think of, whether easy or hard, is likely to affect your mental wellness in a positive way. You may think you need to complete the resolution in order for that to happen but the process is just as rewarding. It is a great feeling to know that you are working toward a goal. A goal can give you something to look

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forward to each day and can add some routine to your life. The pride you get from achieving your goal sticks with you and adds motivation to continue on or even start another goal.

Exercising is a goal that can positively affect your well-being, even if your goal was to lose 5 lbs and you only lost 4, because every time you exercise you release endorphins, feel good chemicals in the brain that make us feel happy. Those endorphins spread to all areas of your life in a positive way.

So how can you keep it going when all you want to do is quit? Take a look at what you have set yourself up to do. Most of us strive for unrealistic goals and set ourselves up for failure. Be realistic, maybe your goal is unsustainable, break it down into several smaller goals. Take

things one step at a time will make your goal seem less daunting and give you the confidence to attain your goal. Who are your supporters?

Friends, family and coworkers can't help you in achieving your goals. They can give you the push you need and maybe they have a similar goal to you. Supporting someone else in their goals is a great way to support yourself.

Don't be upset when you slip up and go in the opposite direction of your goal, it happens! Take a look at what made you slip and figure out how you can avoid it in the future, learn from this setback. Before you know it

the changes you are making will become habit and it will be easier to keep your resolution.

— Lisa Ambrose is a Success Mentor with Aim for Success. Visit them online at aimforsuccess.ca.

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That gentle reminder brings us to the end of another edition of the water cooler. Don't forget to submit your birthday and anniversary wishes, congratulations or bouquets to courtney.whalen@sunnmedia.ca to have them included in the water cooler.

Have a joyously jaunty week!

More from the water cooler...

WATER COOLER from pg. 9

Local high school students are starting to write exams and we want to send our positive vibes to all those who have been studying hard. Good luck students!

As we've been out and about the last few weeks we've noticed that many pedestrians are opting to walk on streets while some sidewalks are still icy. Just a caution to motorists to watch for pedestrians on the road and a warning to walkers to be alert to traffic around them as slippery roads mean vehicles can't stop as easily if drivers don't see you until it's too late. Stay safe out there!

Just a reminder to everyone with events coming up. While we can't get to everything going on in the community we will try our best. How-

news

Residents soar to new heights with flight school

Aviation satellite school set to come to Drayton Valley

Lesley Allen
Western Review

Is aviation something you've been interested in? If so the Drayton Valley Flying Club (DVFC) has just the thing for you as it prepares to bring flight school to the area starting in February.

"We're just a group of people that are really passionate about aviation," shares flight club president Guy Christie as to why they wanted to bring the course to Drayton Valley. "I'm always talking about airplanes and people have expressed an interest so I looked into it and we've actually got a lot of interest. So we decided that although Drayton's not big enough for a full time school we looked at getting a satellite school."

"This is not the first time the club has brought a course like this to the area. Several years ago approximately six people took the course with two completing it to where they got licensed to fly."

This time around Christie says the interest far outweighs that, showing how popular the pastime is throughout the province.

"It's very popular, there's lots of little hidden grass strips around," shares Christie. "Actually Drayton Valley has a good number of planes that come into it on a regular basis and there's lots of flying clubs around. There's one big one in Lacombe, they're one of the kind of share stuff with, and there's a big one in Calgary. They're everywhere."

Beginning on Feb. 4, the program starts with ground school. Meeting three times a week for 10 weeks, the course is highly informative and prepares individuals for flight instruction should they want to continue on.

"It's pretty intensive," says Christie of the schooling. "You have to learn everything from meteorology to navigation and

airplane systems."

"We've got a freelance instructor that comes out here and he'll give classes three nights a week for 10 weeks because you need 40 hours for your ground school and then he'll do flight training for people who want to go further with it."

For those who have never considered getting a pilot's licence but would like to learn more or just have the opportunity to try it out, the DVFC will be holding an open house on Jan. 25.

The day, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will give people the opportunity to meet and talk with flying enthusiasts, as well as get in the air and see what it feels like to sit at the controls of a small engine airplane.

"Our flight instructor is going to have two airplanes and we're going to take you up for a half hour flight in the left seat and he'll let you fly the plane so you can get a feel for it and see if you're interested in doing it," says Christie of the day.

For those who take advantage of the opportunity to get their flying licence locally, or even just get to fly during the open house, they will get to experience what Christie loves about it.

"The freedom," he says, "just being up there, no roads, no ditches, no lines in the air, no worrying about somebody passing you at 100 km/hr and not being attentive. It's so much safer and it's just freedom. I call it the ultimate off road vehicle."

"We've got a jewel here for an airport. It's a beautiful airport. There are not a lot of airports that have 5,000-foot runways that are well maintained and well lit. We need to use it before we lose it."

For more information on the course being offered locally, or the flying club's open house, call Christie at (780) 542-1225, or find them on Facebook by searching Drayton Valley Flying Club.

To learn more about flying and see what you can expect in this course as well as up in the air visit www.opcnational.org.

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County discusses Land Use Bylaw

County begin in depth discussion and review of Land Use Bylaw

Lesley Allan
Western Review

On Jan. 13 Brazeau County council and administration met for a special meeting to continue discussions on possible changes to the Land Use Bylaw.

This was the first time the newly elected council had sat down for an in depth discussion on the multi faceted topic, which meant there was a lot of ground to cover.

"We had a chance to go through and review all the planning and development policies, but we only just started to crack back into the Land Use Bylaw," explains Benjamin Misener, development officer for Brazeau County.

"We're really starting from the ground up, we're starting right at the basics," he explains. "Before we even jumped to the Land Use Bylaw we went through what

the Municipal Government Act states has to be in the Land Use Bylaw. So we're really working from A and we hope to end up a Z, which is either going to be a completely revised and revamped current version of our Land Use Bylaw, or we redo the whole thing."

Although at this point it is hard to say what the final draft of the new Land Use Bylaw may look like, every one involved knows there needs to be change and are dedicated to make it work for those who live by it.

"Administration wants it and council wants it, so I think it's really great that we're all on the same page and moving forward," says Misener. "We want to try and get some resolution here with finally having a good solid document that we can have for the next four years."

"This council and administration are dedicated to pulling it apart piece by piece and going through it and figuring out what's broken and what needs to be fixed," he adds.

One way the county has looked at finding out what isn't working has been by reaching out to those it affects, the ratepayers.

At this point Misener says there are no definite plans on future public consultation, but also shares that this can and likely will change as council gets further into the process.

"It will all depend on what strategy we plan to take, whether or not we start off with a brand new Land Use Bylaw, or we continue to revise and work with our existing," he says. "It will really depend on which direction council wants to go with it once we've had the chance to go through the reviews. I would say regardless there's likely going to be more open houses, the extent of them and the extent of consultations will all definitely depend on whether we're starting from scratch or continuing to work with our existing document."

Outside of public consultations, Misener says that ratepayers are always welcome to any open meeting held on the topic of the Land Use Bylaw, as well as any other topic.

Council and administration will continue discussions on the Land Use Bylaw during two special meetings on Mar. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Mar. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brazeau County & Town of Drayton Valley Regional Tourism Strategy and Brand Discussion

Please join us for a discussion on the proposed regional tourism strategy and brand.

Brazeau County and the Town of Drayton Valley invite stakeholder input and so please mark your calendar.

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2014

TIME: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Brazeau County Council Chambers

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The staff of the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following local businesses for their generous contributions to the 2014 New Year's baby layette:

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We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Rosemarie Mayan with the Drayton Valley Health Care Auxiliary for organizing the 2014 New Year's baby layette.



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STOCKING THE SHELVES



Lesley Allan Western Review

The Drayton Valley Food Bank often takes a big hit at the end of the year with the holiday season, but thanks to the generosity of locals the shelves are again full of food for those in need. On Jan. 16 Justine Turfitt from Drayton Valley Toyota met with volunteers to drop off \$500 worth of food on behalf of the local dealership.

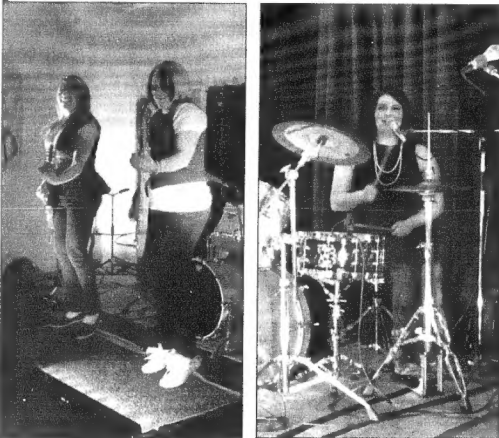
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Celebrating youth centre



Lesley Allan Western Review

January is a big month for those who organize and visit The Well Youth Centre as it marks the one year anniversary of the facility, which has been giving Drayton Valley teens a free place to hang out. To mark the occasion, organizers held a free concert on Jan. 17 featuring Edmonton-based group Hollie.



JANUARY 2014

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Thurs., January 23	H2S Alive
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Fri., January 25	NON-RESTRICTED FIREARMS (P.A.L.)
Sun., January 26	RESTRICTED FIREARMS (P.A.L.)
Mon., January 27	Confined Space
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NEWS

Association remains committed to promoting learning

Courtesy Whalen
Western Review

The name may not be familiar yet, but for the Drayton Valley and District Community Learning Association the goal of providing resources and programs supporting learning and literacy remains the same.

It's been just more than a year since the community learning association was formed to bring many of the community's literacy and adult education programs under one umbrella. Encompassing resources and programs previously provided through DV Read and Learn, the Community Learning Centre and Adult Literacy Society, the not-for-profit association is overseen by a volunteer board.

"We still have the same mission and the same mandate," said Executive Director Nicole Sharman last week.

That mandate is to promote, develop and enhance literacy skills in the Drayton Valley and Brazeau County area. The association and its staff, including Sharman and Literacy Co-ordinator Louise Volante, do that by running programs like three-time family literacy programs, volunteer adult tutoring and adult education, but have also added some new programs. Among those new initiatives is a conversation group that meets at the Drayton Valley Municipal Library.

The program is geared to English language learners who live in the community. While the group helps participants improve their English, it also helps keep them from becoming isolated, noted Sharman.

This week residents will see the continuation of one of the long-standing services the association continues to provide with the release of its adult education course guide.

The guide includes a variety of courses from general interest to employability skills. Wherever possible Sharman said the association uses local instructors to keep the experience as community-based as possible. They are always looking to enhance what they can offer.

"We encourage people to come forward with ideas they want to learn," she said.

Having a board comprised of area residents also ensures the organization is addressing programming and resource needs specific to those who

will be accessing them.

"Their ideas are shaped by what our community needs," noted Sharman. "Being present in the community and finding out what they need and providing it is a core goal."

Like other not-for-profit organizations in the community partnerships are an important part of providing the best service and Sharman said Drayton Valley and District Community Learning Association enjoys working partnerships with a number of local groups.

They'll be joining with a number of those partners on Jan. 27 for the annual Family Literacy Day celebration, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families with young children (best for those up to five years old) are invited to the MacKenzie Learning Centre to take part in a variety of activities. The C.O.W. (Classroom on Wheels) bus will also be in attendance and will be leaving behind a legacy library of 50 books to be distributed in the community.

You can find the Drayton Valley and District Community Learning Association online at www.dvcommunitylearning.ca or find them on Facebook. The association can also be contacted at 780-542-3373.



Drayton Valley and District Community Learning Association is joining with a number of local organizations to put on Family Literacy Day celebrations on Jan. 27 at the MacKenzie Conference Centre. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will feature lots of activities for families with young children.

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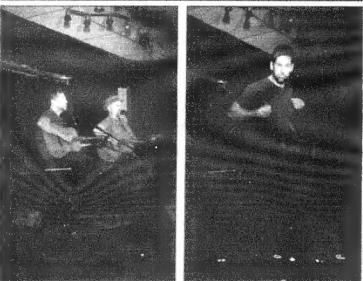
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SWEET SOUND OF COMEDY



Despite renovations the show must go on and that's why on Jan. 17 the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Society held its latest show at the Drayton Valley Legion hall. Hitting the stage for the well attended show were Lewis and Royal, a pair who combine rich vocals, hilarious stage antics, and colourful stories to keep audiences mesmerized and laughing during the show.

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Mobile units set to bring mammograms to local women

Screen Test will be in Breton and Drayton Valley next month

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

One in eight women in Alberta will develop breast cancer during their lifetime. It's a sobering statistic, but programs like Alberta Health Services Screen Test are working to make sure some of those diagnoses have positive outcomes through early detection and treatment.

“What we're trying to do is find the breast cancer as early as possible.”

—Joan Hauber,
Screen Test Manager

Screen Test provides mammography services in Alberta through two permanent clinics (one in Edmonton and one in Calgary) and has two mobile units that travel the province bringing the vital program to women outside the cities. Once again the mobile units will be headed this way and will set up in the Village of Breton and the Town of Drayton Valley for a number of days next month.

“The main thing with the mobile unit is making sure women across the province have access to the same service,” said Joan Hauber, manager of Screen Test.

The screening mammograms offered through the program's ray the breast and can identify breast cancer in its beginning

stages, sometimes two to three years before it may be noticed by women or their physicians. Women between the ages of 50-74 are in the highest risk group for developing breast cancer. They are recommended to get a screening mammogram every two years.

“The best way to find it is through mammography,” she said.

That is the demographic Screen Test focuses on, although Hauber said some younger women can get mammograms with a referral from their doctor.

Although breast cancer and the fight against it is already in the public consciousness Hauber said the importance of screening mammograms in early detection, and consequently more effective treatment, isn't as widely talked about.

“I think that's something we still want to promote,” she said.

Services like Screen Test are one of the ways to do that and Hauber noted teams in the mobile units often get feedback thanking them for bringing the service to women who would find it difficult or inconvenient to drive to one of the major cities for the test. Word of mouth is also one of the biggest ways to spread the information about the importance of screening mammography. Hauber said the encouragement of family and friends for women in the 50-74 age bracket to get a mammogram is also a huge motivator.

“What we're trying to do is find the breast cancer as early as possible,” she said.

Screen Test will be in the Village of Breton from Feb. 5-6 and

in Drayton Valley from Feb. 18-26. Hauber said appointments tend to book up quickly and due to the demand it's not always possible for walking to be accommodated. Those planning to book an appointment at the mobile unit are asked to set aside approximately 45 minutes for their screening. To book an appointment during the mobile unit's stay call 1-800-667-0604.

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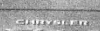
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Thunder face disappointing weekend

Thunder face three weekend losses as they continue to fight for a playoff position

Lesley Allan
Western Review

The Drayton Valley Thunder had a busy weekend of games with the first game taking place on home ice at the Omplex, followed by two on the road. On Jan. 17 the Calgary Canucks headed north to visit the Thunder, where the home team hoped to get some revenge after losing 4-2 the last time the two teams met up.

The first period saw both teams putting it all out on the ice, but neither getting the opportunity to take the lead. Calgary scored first in the second on a power play, roughly five minutes later the Thunder snuck a power play goal of their own but it wasn't enough as the Canucks once again scored in the second.

The third period cemented the opposition's victory as they continued to play hard and drop two more pucks in the net for a final score of 4-1 for the Calgary Canucks. Searching for their first win of the weekend the Thunder hit the road on Jan. 18, travelling to Cam-

rose for a game against the Kodiaks. Much like their previous match, both the Thunder and the Kodiaks hit the ice hard, giving spectators a show where both teams were determined to get on the board in the first, but neither could make it.

Into the second the game took a big turn as the home team showed the Thunder they would have to work a little harder as the Kodiaks put two points on the board, taking the lead and continuing that into the third. Trailing 3-0 in the third the Thunder were finally able to put a puck in the net, but it was too little too late as the Kodiaks followed with another one of their own ending the game with a 4-2 victory.

For their final game of the weekend the Thunder travelled to Sherwood Park where they hoped to turn things around.

Just like both games previous to this match up, both teams were scoreless after the first period. The Crusaders made it onto the scoreboard late in the second. The Thunder tied it up in the third, but a power play marker by the Crusaders gave them the 2-1 victory.

This week the Thunder are in action at home on Jan. 22 taking on the Grande Prairie Storm, who sit just above the Thunder in the AJHL North Division standings. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



On Jan. 17 the Drayton Valley Thunder went toe to toe with Calgary Canucks. Previously defeated by the visiting Canucks, the Thunder hoped to turn things around and take a victory but fell short, losing 4-1.

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NEWS

'Cats net strong wins



Lesley Allan Western Review

The Drayton Valley Wildcats had a good weekend away and at home as they found themselves skating away with two victories. On Jan. 18 the team travelled to Hockey Mountain House where they beat the Rams 5-3, followed by a 7-5 win at home against the Edison Ice on Jan. 18.



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Town to host basketball camp

➤ Camp geared towards junior high and high school students

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Local basketballers will have a chance to hoop it up next month when the Town of Drayton Valley hosts a basketball camp.

The camp will run Feb. 6 and 7 while students are off school due to Teachers' Convention and is geared for young athletes already hitting the court with local teams. Open to students in junior high and high school who already have a position on a team, the goal of the two-day camp will be to further develop their skills.

The town hosted both a basketball and volleyball camp last summer, but bringing the camp in the winter months will allow players to use what they've learned immediately.

"I wanted to be able to provide something to them while they're still playing in the season."

— Kerry Doran

"I wanted to be able to provide something to them while they're still playing in the season," said Kerry Doran, recreation activity co-ordinator with the Town of Drayton Valley. "I wanted something they could apply right away."

Teaching the camp will be athletes from Red Deer College in a continuation of a partnership started with previous camps. Doran said when the opportunity came up to host something in February she contacted the coach from Red Deer and said he was "more than willing" to bring his player, along with their skills and expertise, into the community again.

The camp comes at a cost of \$50 and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at H.W. Pickup Junior High School. Those interested are asked to register by Feb. 3. For more information, or to register call Doran at 780-542-5260. Information pack ages have also been dropped off at local junior high and high schools.

Youngmen return with big win

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

With their minds set on changing the way their season is going the DV Youngmen got a good start last week with a decisive 5-2 victory over FC Barcelona.

To help them on their way to an improved season the Youngmen brought in four former players to add some depth to the bench. Last week those numbers helped offset the loss of other players busy battling injuries or sickness. The team took the field for their first game in the second half of the indoor soccer season against FC Barcelona.

"We opened up the scoring early on and never looked back," said team spokesman

Brad Kelly. There were some adjustments that needed to be made with new faces in the mix, but when the team got it right it showed in the offence, he said. Four of the six goals came off the feet of the latest additions with returning player James Neufeld netting two and Kyle Gelinas, who had only transferred to the team the day before the game, also getting two.

A strong first half deteriorated for the Youngmen in the second when the defence was showing some holes and looking "awful," Kelly chafes that up to getting everyone familiar with the system of play, communication and getting used to a new group of players. The team was hoping to address some of those issues

at a practice last Sunday ahead of this week's game.

"At the moment though it looks like we have brought in enough fire power that even on an off night we should be able to simply out score the other team," said Kelly.

The Youngmen are slowly addressing some of the gaps they've been seeing this season. First was to score more goals. With that looking like it's been addressed the team will move on to firming up play in the midfield.

Kelly was expecting a good test this week as the team faces Serbia, an opponent they beat 6-1 in their first meeting, but who has since been getting big scores.

"We are sure they have something to prove," said Kelly.

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ROTARY HOUSE HAS GOOD WEEK FOR FUNDING



Left: On Jan. 14 members of the Drayton Valley Rotary House Committee visited Brazeau County council chambers to accept \$100,000 in funding from the county that will go toward work needed to complete the parking of the project. Right: On Jan. 16 Mandy Breland (centre), Chair of the Lightstream Donations Committee, met with members of the Rotary House Committee, Mary Dracer (left) and Annette Driessen (right), to present them with a cheque for \$5,000 to go toward the project.



Photo Submitted

Lesley Allen
Western Review

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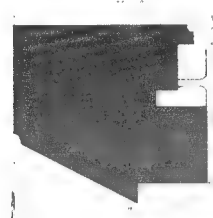
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A copy of the Bylaw may be examined at the Civic Centre during regular business hours. Public Hearing for the Bylaw will be held before the Regular Scheduled Meeting of Council, in the Council Chambers at the Drayton Valley Civic Centre, at 9:00am on January 29, 2014, for the purpose of hearing any objections, recommendations and/or complaints pertaining to the proposed Area Structure Plan amendment.

Objections should be submitted in writing prior to the hearing. Those written submissions which have been received before the designated time will be discussed at the meeting before further presentation will be recognized.

Residents are encouraged to attend. Should you have any questions with regard to this proposed Bylaw please contact Chandra Dyck, Planning & Development Officer, at the Town Office at 514-2200.

NEWS

Volunteers needed for Drayton Valley Legion renos

Provincial grants allow for renovations to update legion hall

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REVENUE IN HIGH

Congratulations to the senior girls basketball team, who won the B-grade of the tournament held the weekend of Jan. 12. The top A side went to John Malard High School from Devon. Mean while, in Warburg, our junior boys basketball team won the tournament trophy. For the first time ever, our senior boys basketball received an honorable mention in the ASAA Provincial Rankings! (Prestigious awards for English 10 and social 10 continue Jan. 20 and 21. Senior high track exams are also this month: Jan. 25 is English 10, social 10 and math 20. Jan. 24 is social 20, Jan. 27 a math 10, math 20-3, Math 108, and then Jan. 28 a physics 20.

L.W. PICKUP

Students were not happy with yet another bus run, running day last Monday, just as we were getting covered and picked out from the Christmas break, here we go again!

Something needs to be put on your calendars, parents and community at large! Grade 9 leadership is hosting a flea market in our L.W. Pickup gymnasium on Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call Miss Callahan to book your table at \$15, or please come and support those merchants who have set up on Saturday!

Students have been busy with this month's assembly challenge. In Jan. 23, advisory classes will compete in a guitar performance, and this month's character trait to celebrate is diligence. Congratulations to all students nominated and to those students chosen!

All Huskies will be invited to top off the day with a hat of their choice sounds like a howling cozy not assembly!

Thank you to the leadership for their hard work on Jan. 15. Senior basketball teams will travel to Fries, Buxton in Whitecourt on Jan. 21. Next week will be a double bus day, one day, week with no games scheduled as yet.

Thank you to all parents who attended last week's P.M. meeting. This week's Volunteer of the Week goes to Jennifer Smith. Thank you, Jennifer for the many you are once again this year, spending with our senior boys basketball team.

HIGH FRUITS ALUMNI

January 20, 2014's continuing to take responsibility now. All merit students should sign up as soon as possible to secure a place on the trip. Please contact Ms. Dapperton at the school for more information.

The final exam schedule is available on the school website. Please consult this schedule to confirm which days your child needs to be at school to write their final. Printed copies are also available at the school office.

Last day of regular classes for Grade 12 students will be Thursday, Jan. 23.

Last day of regular classes for Grade 9, 10 and 11 students will be Friday, Jan. 24.

There will be no school for any students on Jan. 31.

Semester 2 classes will start on Feb. 3.

AURORA

Our week of dance lessons went well and students proudly showed their moves at an afternoon performance on Jan. 20. Thank you to dance instructor Nadine Wood for spending time to teach 90 students some basic dance choreography.

A reminder that Thursday (Jan. 23) is Aurora's Winter Fun Day from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in the back field. Students should wear warm enough clothing for spending that much time outside. Afterward, hot chocolate will be served in each pod.

Friday is Winter White Day, a school wide spirit day when every one wears all things white. Let's all participate as much as possible.

Also on Friday, students will be treated to a special treat when the Alberta School of Ballet puts on a one hour demonstration and performance in the gym from 1 to 2 p.m. Parents are welcome to drop by and see it.

The Grade 4 students were happily singing at the Pembina Nordic ski trials last week. They would like to thank all of the Pembina Nordic volunteers who came and offered us such great instruction, and provided us with such well groomed trails. A special thanks goes to Mr. Keith Warren and Ms. Louise Webber who were key instructors for all six sessions. Your time has made a difference to a lot of future ski enthusiasts.

The rocket reading expedition continues its journey through the solar system. Students are encouraged to keep reading at home and having their parents fill out their reading log. It's not too late to submit the bronze log. Once that is complete they can pick up a silver log.

ST. ANTHONY

A wonderful time was had by everyone who came out on Jan. 15 and participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships.

Our librarian Mrs. Lord would like to let parents know that the still has two Scholastic Book orders that need to be picked up. If you have not received your order from October and November please contact Mrs. Lord at the school.

Canadian Tire Jump Start program sponsors child driven financially to enable them to participate in organized sports. Please contact Karen Tremblay at 780-542-4386 for confidential referrals and applications, or for more information.

Thank you to all our wonderful citizens volunteers.

News from the Shark Tank Running Club will be practicing every Thursday after school in preparation for the 36th Annual Edmonton Journal Indoor Games. Teams will be selected to represent St. Anthony's School.

Girls' and boys' basketball games (girls will play first) are as follows:

Jan. 16 Tournament in Edmonton

Jan. 22 (away) @ Back Mountain

Jan. 29 (away) @ DCS

Feb. 4 (home) @ Back Mountain

Feb. 12 (away) @ HWP

Feb. 11 (home) @ DCS

Feb. 19 (away) @ HWP

Feb. 20 (home) @ HWP

Please come out and watch at St. Anthony's Church take a "bite" out of the competition.

Important reminders: There is a bus stop parking spot on the south side of the crosswalk in front of the school. It is marked with blue paint. Please make sure that you are not parked in this spot, as this spot needs to be available for those whom require.

Gold and flu season is here! Please keep your child/children home if they are unwell.

Please make sure your child, children have weather appropriate clothing and footwear with them every day.

Please pull into a parking spot (where there is NO yellow paint) when dropping off or picking up students in the back or front parking lots of the school.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents please make sure you call the office or email kerrle.berner@stanthony.ca if your child will be late or absent if you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.

Please check our website: <http://stanthony.ca> for up-to-date information.

Important dates to remember in January:

20 — Grade 4, 4/5 and 5 skating, 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m., Parent/Coach Meeting at 7 p.m., babysitting provided.

22 — Grade 4, 4/5 and 5 skating, 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

23 — Pancake snack.

27 — Co-ed skit trip to Rabbit Hill, Grade 4, 4/5 and 5 skating, 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Gr. 7 Hockey Hokey

30 — Tim Hansen snack day

31 — PD Day - no school for students

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FMSHS

Congratulations, every one we made it! The last day of classes is Jan. 22 and will be celebrated with a pyrotechnic day.

Go to www.fmhsh.ca for a detailed exam schedule. Please clean out your locker before exam week and return all textbooks and make changes to your next schedule as soon as possible. Don't forget to check lost and found for missing items!

Semester 2 begins Feb. 3. Junior high students will be taking part in curling at the Lakeside Curling Club in Seba Beach Jan. 23, 30 and Feb. 11 and 20.

Students are reminded to bring in their skating and tobogganing consent forms.

The Grade 9 class at Tomahawk School would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported us with our bottle drive fundraiser on Jan. 11. It was a big success because of your donations and support.

Did you know you can continue to support your support by donating to the Tomahawk School Grade 9 Class' directly at the Drayton Valley Bottle Drive?

Hosted by our library are Yoga and Zumba classes. Zumba classes instructed by Carolina will run Wednesdays, starting Jan. 8 from 6-7 p.m., and will run for six weeks. The cost is \$42 for all six classes or \$10 drop in fee.

Yoga with Katie Wagner will also run Wednesdays, from 7-8 p.m. for 10 weeks. The fee is \$70 or \$10 for drop-ins.

An easier yoga with instructor Mary started Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. and will run for 10 weeks. The cost is \$70 for all six classes or \$10 drop in fee.

Tomahawk

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Winter is definitely here and we are again experiencing some colder weather. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions so they may play outside safely. When dressed properly they will also be

warm and safe on their bus ride to and from school.

Our lost and found bins are bursting at the seams! They are overflowing with jackets, shirts, pants, boots, hats, shoes, hats, mittens, binders, backpacks, books and even food containers.

Please stop by the school to dig through the bins to see if any of these items belong to your child(ren). Unclaimed items will be bundled up and donated to a charitable organization Feb. 3.

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DRAYTON CHRISTIAN

Written By the DCS News Team

On Jan. 13 Miss Wicks shared with all the students about her trip to Israel. She went there with her friend, Miss Henley, she had a guide to show her and a group around Israel. In her presentation she showed us pictures of Israel.

Things were different and enlightening. The signs were different, even the ancient toilets were made of rock. There were churches, shopping and other things. She travelled to different places like Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Some people wear clothes like us and some women wear head scarves. In a town in Israel there is the Walling Wall where men and women each have a side where they pray to God. The Palestinians and the Israelis both want the same land, so there have been wars there. It was sad to learn that in some places there is garbage lying on the ground.

It was an awesome presentation! Thank you Miss Wicks for sharing your experience with us.

Important dates:

Jan. 22 - Basketball @ DCS vs HWP Girls 4:00 Boys 5:15

Jan. 24 - Yearbooks order forms are due (\$20/book)

Jan. 29 - Basketball @ DCS vs St. Anthony's 4 p.m. boys 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 1 - Basketball @ Broton girls 4 p.m. boys 5:15 p.m.

Entwistle School news

Las Worthington

Special to the Western Review

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and had the opportunity to spend time with family and other loved ones.

December was a busy month with many great highlights including:

• On Dec. 1 students from Entwistle school participated in the Edmonton Oil King's "King for a Santa" 2013 was a great year for the Performing Arts Club that also sang the national anthem back in February at the Edmonton Blue game. A big thanks to Mrs. Barville and all of the students for their hard work.

• On Dec. 14 we held our annual Christmas concert. The gym was at capacity and it was great to see so many parents, former students and community members in attendance. We were able to have Tracie Ron Henrichs and Associate Superintendent Denise McConnell in attendance. The students and staff put together a

breakfast, possible

A coffee time with Mr. Worthington will be on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 8:45 - 9:45 in the morning. This time is open to parents and community members. Please feel free to sign up.

The field trip to St. Albert via Place has been postponed. We will keep you updated as to when it will be rescheduled.

On Feb. 28 the Entwistle School Performing Arts Club will be performing the national anthem at the Edmonton Blue game. We will once again be looking to have a bus, available and tickets will be for sale at the office in early February.

Also in February, we will be looking to host our first community night of the year. The date has been tentatively booked for Feb. 21. Please check next month's newsletter for more details.

Please feel free to e-mail at entwistleschool@shaw.ca or call me at 780-752-3811 at any time. I look forward to another great year as we continue to help your child achieve their best.

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CITY ABOUT ABOUT NEW ELECTRICITY PLAN

Lacombe Jobs

At many sports, entertainment and public facilities across the City of Lacombe the atmosphere is generally cited as being electric.

While residents aren't likely to host hockey games or events at their homes, they will be able to plug into that same community spirit after a short pilot run, as the city and its partners, Enbridge and Uniten, are now ready to begin providing power to its residents.

"We've gone through a soft launch," said (Lyn Lapointe, community and economic development manager. "It's been online for about two months, but we wanted to give you time to iron out any kinks and make sure everything was working appropriately."

"We're going to be an energy retailer and offer competitive electricity rates to residents. We're comparing ourselves mostly to the fixed rate concept, but we would still be very competitive with the floating rate."

Though the energy provided by the city is a better or worse than that provided by its competitors, it is where the money goes that Lapointe believes will encourage residents to plug in.

"Any of the proceeds will be earmarked for community capital projects within Lacombe," he said. "The money will go into the Lacombe fund, which is a community endowment fund. There are two options from there; you can endow the funds and use the interest to finance things as you move forward. The option that we are going to use is a flow through account, so that those dollars are immediately accessible."

"It's sort of the shop local concept as well. Why would you want those dollars to go to Enmax or Epcor, which are city-run businesses, or to Calgary and Edmonton, if we can keep them in the

community and use them to benefit it. At the moment and based on equivalent usage, 700kW per user, the City of Lacombe has 45 clients already and is hoping to increase that total to 250 by the end of the year and reach 1,500 users in the next three to five years."

City officials estimate that net present value could exceed \$20,000 if they reach 250 clients and more than \$200,000 if the goal of 1,500 clients is met.

Though the project was initially aimed at residential users, Lapointe said that several businesses have already signed up and the city would welcome many more.

"We were earmarking residents to begin with because we thought that would be the easiest pick up, but if there are businesses that are interested we would more than like to accommodate more of them."

For more information on the program visit www.lacombe.ca

EDMONTON EQUESTRIAN EARNERS NATIONAL ACADEMY
Edmonton Examiner
Retired horses get a new lease on life with the Whittemud Equine Learning Centre Association, and the impressive efforts of one trainer have earned her recognition with a prestigious national award.

"I love my job," said Lynda Tennessen, lessons program manager and herd health manager at the Whittemud Equine Learning Centre for the last seven years. "I'm really lucky."

Tennessen was bestowed Equine Canada's first ever Herd Health and Welfare Stewardship Award, recognizing an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of horse health and welfare demonstrating exceptional compassion for horses at the grass roots level.

Through her care and dedication, retired horses that otherwise would be sent out to pasture receive daily care

and attention that sees them working happily and healthily into their mid- to late 30s, an impressive feat as the average horse retires by their late 20s.

"It serves the community and it serves the horse, and it gives them a place to go into their retirement, even when the horse can't be ridden anymore, we have other jobs for them to do," said Tennessen, adding, "they still have a lot to give."

Tennessen oversees the care for 35 lessor horses, used in recreational riding, training and for special programs like Little Bits, offering disabled children and the therapeutic benefits and joy of horsemanship and riding.

"It touches my heart every time," said Tennessen, referring to the connection she sees between new riders and her horses. "It really helps people."

Most of her lessor horses are donated, having aged out of rodeo circuits and competition rings.

At the Whittemud Equine Learning Centre, they find a new place where top-of-the-line veterinary attention, combined with training, care and affection that would be impossible to provide in other stables, see them live happy, active lives well past their physical prime.

"They're past their prime of peak physical fitness, but there's still a lot of life left after that," Tennessen says. "They're not only used, but preferred, mature horses for lessons as well as their own age and confidence making them safe for even the most novice new rider."

The reason we're here is to give people confidence with horses, and if you can be confident with a horse, it really fills the self-esteem," Tennessen says.

While riding is fun, for Tennessen, it is never the focus. Teaching respect and kindness towards horses is her primary goal.

"It's not all about riding, we try to teach them that it's

more about loving the horse," said Tennessen. "Biding is like the gray."

While it was her dedication that won her the prestigious award, Tennessen credit its ongoing dedication and support from the staff and volunteers who help WELCA serve the community and horses in their care.

For more information about WELCA, including riding and horsemanship programs, go to www.welca.ca

RESTORATION BEGINS ON ARTIFACTS

High River Times

Four months have passed since the Museum of the High River staff and volunteers reopened the beloved High River museum to the public after the flood, but now they're celebrating another

huge step forward: hiring a conservator to begin restoring flood-damaged artifacts.

Any items that required intensive restoration were transported to Calgary within a refrigerated truck, according to Irene Kerr, museum director and curator.

"Everything that was taken out from the Memorial Centre was cleaned as much as possible but a lot of the stuff had to be frozen and suspended so we could deal with it later," she said.

Other items that could be washed were initially housed in Calgary, but have now returned to a temporary storage location in High River. Now, they will be catalogued, inventoried and rehoused in proper storage.

"Depending on what kind of material it was made out

of including textile, paper, leather, china or glass, it all requires different kinds of treatment," Kerr said.

Now that the museum is open the focus has shifted toward the restoration of the artifacts still housed in the refrigeration truck. Regaining their collection will be huge, Kerr said.

After hiring Gail Nunn, a textile conservator and renting a space close to the refrigeration truck, the restoration of the collection became a manageable task, Kerr said.

"Now everything is falling into place," she said. "Our next step is to really focus on getting our collection back and to take care of what we've received in accession because it has been a lot."

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Sarah Little, collections manager, is returning to the Museum of the Highwood after the facility received the Alberta Museums Association staffing grant, which will help pay for her position.

Two artifacts will be taken out of the truck at a time and Nunnima will assess them and then begin the process of cleaning them.

There will be some things that we'll have to get advice on how to restore or clean them," she said. "We still might bring stuff out that we just have to say we can't do it or it's not worth the time to restore it."

After being cleaned, the items will return to High River where they will go through the same inventory process. In some cases, artifacts have been damaged by their storage in the museum.

"In the end, we'll have our objects rehoused, properly recorded for each use," Kerr explained. "That's kind of our goal to get to that point. Hopefully, we'll be done with the refrigeration truck by June."

Nunnima, who has 15 years of experience in textile conservation, has started into the first seven of 200 items in the inventory truck and said the scope of the work is vast.

"There will be a learning curve," she said. "Although there's been a lot of catastrophes and floods, there's not a lot of literature in the field or on how to do this work."

"It gives the conservation field a wonderful opportunity to study flooding, freezing, textiles and then recovering them," she said. "It gives us a huge learning opportunity that you don't normally get."

Currently, Nunnima is working on a 100-year-old Civil War quilt, a RCAF uniform from World War II and a silk bodice from the 1800s.

"It's very valuable collection," she said. "We're here to preserve most of what is frozen in the freezer truck."

Nearly 30 items have been pulled from seven boxes and are over 200 boxes to go, according to Nunnima. After day one, they've received about 10 results from the conservator.

The Museum of the High

wood is still on the hunt for a permanent location for its collection. The board is looking for a long-term storage facility.

"We're hoping to start a capital campaign to build something where we can store our artifacts in a safe environment," Kerr said.

After originally stating an 80 per cent artifacts loss, Kerr said they're not going to know that number can be reduced until the last item is taken out of the freezer truck and restored.

"The loss of the artifacts is huge, but I'm finding the loss of some of the art itself makes me feel better," she said. "We lost the town clock from 1905 to 1945."

Though it was a pain to carry the heavy books, Kerr said there are many times she wants to see the books in information and she hopes they're gone.

"I gave me this appreciation for what we still have," she said. "Really, we're so grateful that we still have our wonderful photos, our building and a lot of really neat artifacts left."

Buddi and Woodard's cabinet, built in 1905, and his books are currently being restored. These are just a few of the items in the collection.

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ing building large is getting built to house military housing in the town on second jobs.

"We keep paying heat bills like crazy," Tremblay said. "Basically, we just keep paying more and more."

"This is killing me right now. I can barely pay the bills, let alone the rent. I'm in a bind."

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Know your intersection etiquette

Four way stops seem to be a major concern with drivers. More and more commuters are putting in four way stops as traffic controls. Why and how should we react to them?

Four way stop intersections are an inexpensive, efficient and effective method of controlling traffic at an intersection. Did you know that a car you come across an intersection with traffic lights that are flashing red in all four directions (usually due to a malfunction) it also needs to be treated as a four way stop?

There are three important rules to remember when you approach four way stop intersections. First, whoever vehicle arrives at the intersection first has the right of way. This should be your first consideration at a four way stop intersection as it determines who goes across the intersection first.

Second, Alberta's Traffic Safety Act states that "when two vehicles approach or enter an intersection from different highways (any road, street, alley, etc.) at approximately the same time, the person driving the vehicle to the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right". In simple terms, if the vehicles arrive at the same time, the vehicle to the right has the right of way.

Another scenario is when one vehicle meets another vehicle directly across the intersection at the same time. The Traffic Safety Act states that "a person driving a vehicle shall not turn or attempt to turn the vehicle to the left across the path of an approaching vehicle unless the turn can be completed in safety". Thus, if the vehicles arrive at the same time and are at opposite sides of the intersection, the vehicle going straight has the right-of-way. If both vehicles are turning straight, they will pass safely within the intersection.

In 2012, 70 people were killed and 7,957 people were injured in collisions at intersections in Alberta. In Canada, 28 per cent of fatalities and 40 per cent of serious injuries from collisions involved an intersection.

Abiding by these rules at a four way stop will ensure that traffic flows safely and efficiently and you will arrive safely at your destination. Remember "every bad habit collides in an intersection".

It is critical that we continue to improve our traffic safety skills and continue saving lives on Alberta's roads.

For more information about intersection safety, you can contact Dale Friedel, Regional Traffic Safety Consultant at 780-292-0898 or e-mail dale.friedel@gov.ab.ca. Please visit www.safersroads.alberta.ca.

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Ag issues to watch in 2014

➤ Farm Credit Canada looks at five issues that will impact agriculture this year

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

In keeping with Farm Credit Canada's (FCC) commitment to providing timely and relevant economic analysis to the Canadian agriculture industry, FCC's Chief Agricultural Economist, P. Gervais, shares five key economic issues in agriculture to watch in 2014.

"Canadian agriculture is a challenging and rewarding industry, filled with professional, forward thinking, business-savvy people who know what they do," Gervais says. "By building and sharing agriculture knowledge, producers benefit, rural Canada benefits and so do all Canadians."

North American farmland values have been increasing rapidly over the past several years, but they could soon plateau, according to Gervais.

"Many producers will be surveying the landscape to determine if they should buy more land or pay off some debt," says Gervais. "A lot of their decisions will be based on commodity price forecasts, their current profit margins and how much they have invested in land in recent years."

The tentative agreement between the European Union and Canada on the Comprehensive

Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) may be generating the headlines, but Canada is also involved in negotiating other significant trade deals, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

"Between those two agreements, every sector of Canadian agriculture will have opportunities and face some challenges," says Gervais. "We need to start preparing to manage our business in a new environment."

U.S. political fighting promises to create more uncertainty south of the border. The dispute resulted in a partial government shutdown this year and continues to pose a risk that the U.S. will default on its debt.

Gervais, however, predicts things will continue to improve south of the border. The U.S. Federal Reserve recently started scaling back its aggressive monetary policy because it is seeing strength in the labour market and household finances.

Rolling back a program of this magnitude is selling in "unchanged waters," Gervais says. "This change in the U.S. monetary direction can have wide impacts in the financial markets — mostly on the value of the emerging market currencies — impacting the competitiveness of Canadian agricultural commodities."

Canadian livestock producers — particularly beef producers — should expect healthy returns over the next couple of years, according to Gervais.

Stronger beef prices are the result of supply and demand dynamics. Cattle numbers have

been declining for some years, a result of drought in the U.S. and financial conditions that forced many producers to reduce the size of their herd or leave the sector. The U.S. herd was reduced by five per cent over the past two years and will take a couple of years to recover, while the Canadian herd is stable and appears ready to rebound.

Gervais says the U.S. Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) legislation has hurt Canadian canola producers, especially since new rules were issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The ongoing year will determine if the U.S. government backed off or even takes apart this legislation, either voluntarily or through pressure from its trading partners.

Like much of the rest of the agriculture economy, equipment sales were on fire for many of the past five years. From 2008 to 2012, an average of 2,100 tractors were sold every month in Canada, according to the Association of Equipment Manufacturers.

Sales are expected to be equally as strong in 2013 when the final numbers are tallied. "In the short term, we will likely see equipment prices staying steady, but they could soften somewhat if supplies remain high and producers decide to maintain their old equipment or buy used equipment," Gervais says. "Broad economic factors may influence how producers use their past profits, but it really comes down to the unique circumstances of individual producers."

ALERT line remains valuable tool

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Since 1995, the Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) ALERT Line (1-800-506-2273) has been providing a valuable service to and been an integral part of the province's livestock industry.

Last year, more than 500 calls were received at the ALERT Line. Of those, 88 cases that were investigated revealed some form of intervention.

"Producers were asking for an alternative service where the public could report any suspected animal care concerns

in a confidential way, and enable producers themselves to get some help," says Pam Miller, ALERT Line co-ordinator. "We know animal welfare is a growing public concern — agriculture is definitely under scrutiny. The ALERT service also helps to educate the public."

AFAC has established resource liaisons and animal care members across the province to respond to situations arising from the ALERT line calls.

"The ALERT Resource Team members have successfully nipped problems in the bud, providing practical hands-on advice to improve animal care

and support responsible producers when the public calls were unfounded," adds Miller. Miller explains that when a call comes in the ALERT co-ordinator determines the nature of the call.

"If the caller is unfamiliar with agricultural practices the co-ordinator will provide information that will enable them to better understand the situation they were calling about. We receive a lot of calls that are unfounded. More and more, ALERT has become a source of information."

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Got the January work blues?

► Tips for beating the post-holiday blues that are following through the month of January

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The party is over! Welcome to the most depressing time of the year — you have no money, you're five pounds heavier and the weather is brutal. Lack of sleep is catching up, and so too project procrastination — all that holiday fun and frolic has come back to haunt you. Dreaded overdue projects have been joined by a dismaying pile of new ones.

If you've got a bad case of post-holiday funk, you're not alone. Getting back to the daily grind can be depressing, especially if you dislike your job.

A British survey reports that 80 per cent of employees experience PHT (post-holiday tension) and suffer varying degrees of sadness, irritability and tiredness. "This blast of reality, a stark and sudden and takes a while to adjust," says Julie Bijou, psychotherapist at attitude reconstruction.

"The hype and anticipation of the holidays can lead to disappointment, exhaustion and feeling deflated once they are over, not to mention that January is cold and the wintery weather may mean long stints indoors," says stress expert Beverly Beuermann-King of worksmarter.com.

"Others may feel blue as they hear others retell their holiday experiences and theirs in comparison may not have been as exciting, or postcard perfect as those that they are listening to," says Beuermann-King.

And while vacations are generally relaxing and rejuvenating, she says, Christmas holidays tend to be frantic and stressful, depleting energy reserves and battering immune systems which can lead to flu and colds. But hanging in and beat those January blues with tips from the experts.

- **Connect and socialize at work** — One of the reasons that we feel the blues is that our social connections drop after the holidays. Plan a potluck. Set up a team fitness challenge, advises Beuermann-King.
- **Plan a trip for January or February** — Nothing elaborate or exotic. Simple is easier on the pocketbook and still gives you the change that can boost your mood and energy," she says.
- **Spring clean early** — Organize your work space, clean out your home closets. Adhere to the mantra: Love it or dump it, says Beuermann-King. De-cluttering opens the space to energy.
- **Turn up the tunes** — During the holidays music is everywhere so keep it going, and the humming too.
- **"It can decrease loneliness, lift a negative mood and boost energy," she adds.**
- **Get outside** — Just 20 minutes a day can boost energy and spirits, she says. Bring the outdoors in — buy yourself a bouquet of fresh flowers or

send one to your spouse or co-worker.

- **Appreciate and be grateful** — Every day, pause and appreciate your work or job, suggests Bijou.
- **"Write out a list of all the positive aspects of work** — Every day, pause just a minute or two — and be grateful for your job, whatever it is, and the people it affects."
- **Focus on the good** — "Stop attending to what you don't like and what's not the way you think it should be. Focus on what is," says Bijou, author of *Attitude Reconstruction: A Blueprint for Building a Better Life*.
- **"Look at the solution, rather than the problem, and find creative and fun ways to enjoy what you are doing. Interrupt negative thoughts. Try to voice the good. Praise others' good work. The more positive you try to be, the more you'll enjoy the day and what you're doing."**

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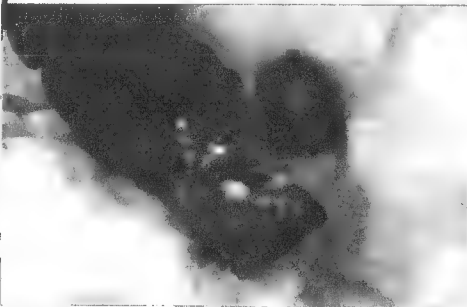
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Obituaries

WOOLIVEN Leonard James

April 15, 1932 - January 3, 2014

Leonard James Wooliven, 81, of Drayton Valley, Alberta, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 3, 2014. He was born in Edmonton on April 15, 1932 to John and Anna Wooliven.

Len is survived by his wife of 60 years, Roberta, and their children: Brad, Michelle, Craig, Susan, Patrick, and Scott. Kelly (John), Laura (Robi) and Bill (Margaret) 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and daughter, Rhonda Jean.

Len served 22 years with the Royal Canadian Navy that included two tours during the Korean Conflict as well as service as a diver and submarine. After retiring from the Navy in 1971 he built and worked in a number of successful businesses in both Victoria and Edmonton. Len and Roberta moved to Sunward Village Centre in 1985 where he enjoyed being a part of the condo association.

Len and Roberta moved to Drayton Valley, AB in October 2012. Len and Roberta were on a Christmas visit in Surrey, BC when he fell ill. The family would like to thank the first responders, doctors, nurses and staff in the ER and ICU of Surrey Memorial Hospital for their care of Len and compassion in the end of life.

Len will be missed as one by the Royal Canadian Navy and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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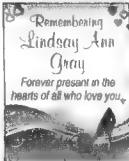
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Job Description:
This exciting opportunity awaits you as an Operations Administrator/Production for Ops Mobil, an off-road service and operations company with global capabilities. The Operations Administrator is under the direct supervision of the District Operations Manager. This position provides administrative support of operations personnel in the field level. This position will have a matrix reporting relationship to the Business Unit Administrator to ensure processes and procedures set out by the General Manager/Production are achieved to all competing daily job tasks.

Administrative Support:
• Prepare correspondence, reports, forms, presentations, minutes in meetings and other documents as required at the field office level.
• Manage timekeeping functions through Kronos software program.
• Assist in Production Operations communication.
• Assist in the coordination of company/business unit programs and projects.
• Assist in the coordination of business unit meetings and events.
• Assist in executing action items from business unit meetings and report status to Operations Manager and Business Unit Administrator.
• Coordinate with other business unit Administrators and employees to execute job function.
• Other administrative tasks specific to the business and operations as required.

Production Operations Coordination:
• Coordinate and execute business unit policy/procedures as directed by the Business Unit Administrator.
• Assist in the coordination of the business unit participation in trade shows.
• Coordination of marketing/promotional activities for the business unit.
• Coordination of intercompany business unit site.
• Monitor business unit and production documents.
• Help Operations Manager/Operations Coordinators manage expectations, goals and targets as set forth by the General Manager.

Additional Information:
• High School diploma required. Post-secondary education related to office management is an asset. Certification in Project Management or willingness to pursue training is required.
• Proficiency in the use of computer programs for word processing, timekeeping and accounting programs (Excel, Kronos, MYT, Open Invoice, GoogleDocs, Spreadsheet, Calendar, etc.) desirable, email, internet, etc.
• Proven experience in providing exceptional customer service is an asset.
• Location of intercompany business unit site.
• Willingness to travel in light aircraft and three company vehicles if required.
• Willingness to respond to inquiries after office hours and on weekends.

Skills:
1. People skills, supports diversity results driven professional and project management skills.
2. Strong verbal and written communication skills.
3. Strong organizational and time management skills.
4. Strong customer service skills.
5. Strong interpersonal skills.

We thank all applicants. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.
Applicants must include a copy of their resume to be considered.
APPLY ONLINE @ www.opsmobil.com

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"Our People Make The Difference"



At Sunrise Village Drayton Valley, you will have the opportunity to work in a flexible environment that encourages quality interactions and special time with residents. We are currently hiring for the following positions:

HEALTH CARE AIDE

As a Health Care Aide you will be responsible to deliver resident centered personal care and other supportive services to residents while working as a team member with the residents, their families and the other staff of Sunrise Village. Working day evening, night and weekend shifts are required.

The Health Care Aide shall possess a minimum of:
• Certification as a Health Care Aide
• If unlicensed prior to a commitment to achieve a provincially recognized Health Care Aide certificate within 12 months of employment.
• Current Certificate in Basic CPR and First Aid
• Completion or willingness to complete the Medication Assistance Program (MAP)
• Previous experience in a health related field an asset.
• Previous work experience with seniors an asset.
• Good verbal & written communication skills.
• Ability to be a team member.

FOOD SERVICE AIDE (Part-Time)

The Food Service Aide is responsible for assisting in all aspects of food service including food preparation, service, set up and clean up ensuring smooth delivery and a high standard quality product, exceptional customer service and high degree of cleanliness. Sunrise Village provides meal service to our residents 3 times per day. Evening shift (4:00 - 7:00pm) and alternate weekend (10:30pm to 7:00pm) coverage required.

If you are a conscientious, hard working person who would enjoy working with seniors please forward your resume on or before January 27th to:

Pooja Mehan, Administrator
Sunrise Village Drayton Valley
Fax: (780) 542-5548
Email: pmehan@sunrisevillages.com
or deliver to 3902 - 47th Street (south of the Melrose Clinic)

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest however only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. The successful applicant will be required to provide a clear Criminal Record Check.

PILE BASE CONTRACTORS
is currently looking for the following:

- BED TRUCK OPERATORS
- SWAMPERS

• Experience is an asset, but will train if necessary
• Oilfield Tickets & Class 1 License are required

We offer competitive wages and benefits package.

Please drop off resume in person to:
5410 - 64A Street, Drayton Valley, AB
C1H
FAX TO 780.542.6201

Please note that only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Pile Base CONTRACTORS 1987 LTD.

Careers

KEYERA Instrumentation/Electrician Technician Minnehik Buck Lake Gas Plant

Department: Gathering & Processing - Maintenance
Reporting to: Maintenance Foreman
Posting Expires On: February 15, 2014
Overtime - Eligible

KEYERA is one of the largest midstream operators in Canada. We provide essential services for oil and gas producers in western Canada and market related natural gas liquids throughout North America. Our business consists of two integrated business lines: Gathering and Processing and Liquids Business Units. We have a strong reputation for operating our facilities safely and responsibly and for giving back to the communities where we live and work.

With a vision to be the North American leader in delivering midstream energy solutions, it is our team of innovative, multi-talented and talented employees that drives our success. Keyera is currently seeking an Instrumentation/Electrical Dual Technician to join our maintenance team at Keyera's Minnehik Buck Lake Gas Plant.

THE POSITION:
The successful candidate will become a valuable member of the Gas Processing & Gathering Unit Maintenance group and will be based out of the Minnehik Buck Lake Gas plant located 30 minutes Southeast of Drayton Valley.
This position is responsible for performing general maintenance and troubleshooting duties for instrumentation and/or basic electrical equipment located at the Minnehik Gas Plant and Field. This equipment includes Plant and Field analyzers, transmitters, control/ESD valves, SCADA systems, DCS systems, chromatographs, meters, electrical systems etc.

QUALIFICATIONS:
• Journeyman Instrument Tech (Electrical dual tech preferred)
• Minimum of 5 years' experience in a sour natural gas processing environment.
• Experience with PLC system will be considered a valuable asset.
• Strong commitment to Health, Safety and the Environment.
• Self-starter who is able to work independently with a minimum of supervision.
• Strong team player with proven communication, problem solving and decision making skills.
• Highly organized, reliable individual with attention to detail.
• Valid Driver's License: H2S Adv+ WHMIS DCG and First Aid Certificates are an asset.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/REQUIREMENTS:
Physically able to perform all components of the position lifting working at heights, etc.
Able to work in inclement weather conditions.
Must reside in or be able to relocate to the Buck Lake area.

If you are interested in developing your career, as well as an opportunity to join a winning culture that fosters innovative thinking, open communication, integrity and mutual respect then please submit your resume to: careers@keyera.com. We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

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Phone: 1.866.955.8700

ATTENTION!
(EVEN YOUR MOUNTED MOOSE HEAD)

The Drayton Valley Community Foundation is seeking an EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PART TIME)

This self-motivated individual will report to the Board of Directors. The right candidate will be in charge of the daily operations of the Community Foundation.

The successful candidate must have:
• Excellent verbal and written communication skills
• Background in program and fund development
• Experience in organizing events and meetings
• Creating marketing and promotional material
• Writing reports, policies and manuals
• Be able to maintain, promote and develop working relationships with multiple stakeholders
• Keep the website up to date
• Keep the numerous databases current
• Other various administrative duties

Requirements must include:
• Management experience
• Working knowledge of Simply Accounting
• Working knowledge of financial operations

Experience in grant and proposal writing is an advantage

Please send your resumes via email to: dvcf@incentre.net, by mail to: Box 6837, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1A1 or by fax to: 780-542-5753

Town of Drayton Valley EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Seasonal Equipment Operator Part-Time, Casual Position

The Town of Drayton Valley is presently recruiting for the position of Seasonal Equipment Operator. The successful candidate will have extensive experience on multiple types of large equipment such as loaders, graders, backhoes, compactors, snow blowers and tractors. The ideal candidate should be capable of following directions, working cooperatively with a team, and have a Class 3 License from the Province of Alberta with a GDL endorsement.

For a full job description please visit our website at www.draytonvalley.ca or alternatively a job description may be picked up at the Town Office from desk.

The Town of Drayton Valley offers an excellent compensation and benefits plan. Please submit a cover letter outlining your skills and experience with your resume along with contact information for three references in confidence to:

Personnel & Safety Coordinator
Town of Drayton Valley
Box 6837, 5120-51 Street
Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1A1
Fax: (780) 542-5753
E-mail: personnel@draytonvalley.ca
Closing Date: January 27, 2014

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Careers

DRI Manufacturing in Drayton Valley AB is looking for the following

OFFICE MANAGER

• Job duties include general office and reception duties, implementing and maintaining company policies, managing shipping and receiving activities, and maintaining inventory.

• Candidates will have excellent computer skills and knowledge, great customer service skills, and a positive attitude. Benefits package after 3 months employment. Why help us?

MILLWRIGHT

• With electrical experience for maintenance and installation of a re-manufacturing tool room in a Drayton Valley plant. The candidate will be self-motivated, reliable, and a team player. Benefits package after 3 months employment. Wage negotiable depending on experience.

CLASS 1, 2, OR 3 WITH AIR BRAKES DRIVERS

• We are permanent full-time shift work. The candidate will be self-motivated, reliable, and a team player. Benefits package after 3 months employment. Wage negotiable depending on experience.

GENERAL LABORERS

• We are permanent full-time shift work. The candidate will be physically fit, reliable, self-motivated, and a team player. Preference given to those with First Aid Certificates. Benefits package after 3 months employment. Base hourly wage plus bonus incentives. Why help us?

Please apply by fax to 250-845-3303 or email to dhmfg@gmail.com

We are not responsible for any phone calls received after the interview will be conducted.

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Excellent Remuneration and Benefits Package

Fax Resume to
621-1818

e-mail: kppress@telusplanet.net

or Mail to Box 6357, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R8

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Buck Creek Gas Station

Full & Part Time Staff

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Chicken soup for the home

Get ready for cold and flu season by stocking up at home

Cheryl Gillespie
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Sniff, sniff, cough, cough! Everyone around you is doing it and eventually someone in your household is going to get sick this season. Be cold and flu ready with a home that's been designed to get you back to feeling 100 per cent sooner rather than later.

When we get sick, we just want to curl up in our jammies with a cup of tea or chicken noodle soup while we cuddle on the couch with the only family member who isn't afraid to come near us — the dog. We are no good to anyone, including ourselves, with this lack of energy.

Here are some tips to fight the sickness at home and get back on our feet doing the things we love and need to get done!

If you are feeling up to it, then take the time this weekend to get ready, just in case you get sick. Start

with the two main locations for bed rest — the sofa and your bed. Ensure you have cuddly, washable and extremely soft items at the end of each. I love faux fur and chunky knit throws.

Load up the PVR with hours of designer porn (home improvement, renovation, fashion and travel shows), ensure you have the latest decor magazines on your bedside table, and stock the cupboard and fill the freezer with at least a week's supply of your favourite soups and veggies.

In the tea cupboard, add a few boxes of lemon or ginger tea to help soothe a sore throat. We love blending these with green tea to get the antioxidant benefits and improve the taste.

Stock up on essential oils, such as eucalyptus, lemongrass, peppermint, rosemary and lavender,

to use in diffusers and even in your bath water. A handful of sea salt, some baking soda and 10 drops of eucalyptus oil (or a spoonful of Vicks Vapo) is a lovely treat for every one in your body aches and your sinuses are congested.

Organize the first aid cupboard or drawer. You may know where everything is, but if you're the first one to get sick you'll make it easier for anyone else trying to find the thermometer or cold medicine.

Have a hot water bottle in the cupboard to help combat the chills and aches muscles; look for cute faux fur covers for them. Put a glass refillable water bottle on your nightstand to help you stay hydrated and lay fabulous, toe-cuddling rug in places you stand barefoot, such as the bathroom, beside the bed and by the kitchen sink.

Hope for the best but plan for the worst! May we all stay healthy and live fabulously in 2014, even through cold and flu season.

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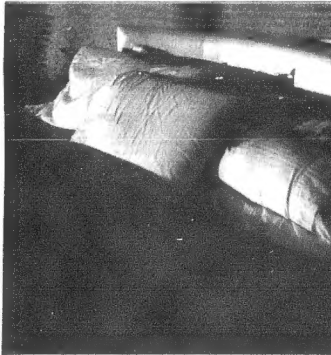


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Slick as a dog? Be sure your home is cold and flu ready with comfy throws on the bed and soup in the freezer.

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Location is one of the most critical factors when buying a home. Even a home that meets all of your needs is probably not the right home for you if it's in the wrong location.

Deciding where you want to start your search will depend on your preferences. Do you want to live in a city, a town or in the countryside? Think about how easy it will be to get to where you work from your preferred location and how much it will cost to commute.

Will you need a school, safe walking area or park nearby? Once you have determined the general location where you want to live, it's time to start thinking about finding the right home for you.

The home you buy should meet most of your needs for the next five to 10 years, or be a home that can grow and change with

your needs. For example, will you need a home office, do you plan to have children, or are you close to retirement?

There are many types of homes available including single family detached, single family semi-detached, row house (townhouse) or condominium apartment. Start by determining how many bedrooms you will need and what kind of parking facilities you require and for how many cars.

Next, think about special features such as air conditioning, storage space, and energy saving features. Is a fireplace or a swimming pool high on your list? Do you have family members with special needs?

CMHC's Home Features Checklist, available at www.cmhc.ca/homebuying, can help you think about your needs today, and what you may need in the future.

FORMS OF OWNERSHIP
Although buying a home means you own it as opposed to renting, there are two forms of home ownership: freehold or condominium.

Freehold means that one person (or two, such as joint ownership by spouses) owns the land and house outright. Freehold owners can do what they want with their property — up to a point. They must obey municipal bylaws, subdivision agreements, building codes and federal and provincial laws, such as those protecting the environ-

ment. Detached and semi-detached homes, duplexes and townhouses are usually owned freehold.

Condominium ownership means you own the unit you live in and share ownership rights for the common space of the building. Common space includes areas such as corridors, the grounds around the building, and facilities such as a swimming pool and recreation rooms. Condominium owners together control the common areas through an owners' association. The association makes decisions about using and maintaining the common space.

Spend some time to choose the home that's right for you. CMHC's Homebuying Step by Step A Consumer Guide and Workbook will lead you through the home buying process in five simple steps. Download your free copy of the guide at www.cmhc.ca under the buying a home section.

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